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Ecuador: amendments to draft resolution A/49/L.8

1. Replace the ninth preambular paragraph by the following:

Recognizing the special responsibility of mine-exporting States in the mine-clearance process and the financing of mine-clearance operations,

2. Insert a new tenth preambular paragraph reading as follows:

Recognizing also that the United Nations has an important role to play in the field of cooperation in mine clearance,

3. Replace operative paragraph 2 by the following:

2. Approves the establishment by the Secretary-General of a voluntary trust fund for mine-clearance operations and other related activities, to be financed by mine-exporting States and from voluntary contributions;

4. Replace operative paragraph 9 by the following:

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report containing proposals for mechanisms and procedures to facilitate the payment of contributions by mine-exporting States, as well as of voluntary contributions by other States and by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations; this report shall include the information obtained by the Secretariat on the international trade in mines, as well as on the origin of the mines laid in the various regions;

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